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Mr. John J. Hurley, Chairman  
Speakers Committee  
Box #1000  
Providence College  
Providence 8, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Hurley:

Thank you for your letter of 3 December inviting me to deliver a public lecture at Providence College next February or March, and asking about other speakers who might talk to your student body about this Agency's activities.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my present position, it is necessary for me to restrict my talks to the various government service schools, except on a rare occasion when I make an outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time. Also, we do not maintain a speakers bureau here as our job is, by and large, a silent rather than a speaking one.

Your interest in writing me is indeed appreciated as well as your kind remarks about me personally.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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3 December, 1960

Mr. Allen Welsh Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E. St.  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am writing you in the name of the Speakers Committee of our Student Congress, here at Providence College. This Committee, composed of representatives of the various clubs and organizations on campus annually sponsors lectures and readings for the benefit of the student body by members of the academic community renowned for their contributions to culture, learning, and civilization.

The widespread appreciation of your activities, closing out excellent years under President Eisenhower and continuing them under President-elect Kennedy have made you an especially desired choice for this coming Spring. Therefore, in the name of the students of Providence College, I would like to know if such an appearance at the College would be possible. A fund, set aside by the Committee, could cover fees of \$500.00, possibly more.

Our school is a rapidly expanding one, Mr. Dulles. We number over 2000 students at this Dominican institution from all over the United States. Needless to say, we all would be most **anxious** to hear you, to be inspired by you, to attempt to follow you.

We do hope that you can come to Providence some weekday evening in February or March, if you are in the area. If not, could you recommend a suitable speaker for discussion of the CIA activities? We hope to hear from you soon; we certainly hope to see you.

Very truly yours,

*John J. Hurley*  
John J. Hurley, Chairman

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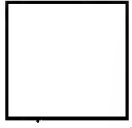
Thank you for your letter of 3 December 1960, inviting me to deliver a public lecture at Providence College next February or March, and asking about other speakers who might talk to your student body about this Agency's activities.

I regret that, after thinking it over, I must decline your kind invitation and forego this opportunity to talk with your students. Because of the sensitive nature of this Agency's activities bearing on the national security, we do not publicize our work. We do not maintain a speakers' bureau, and I rarely speak on public occasions.

I do appreciate, nevertheless, your interest in writing me, and your kind remarks about me personally.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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